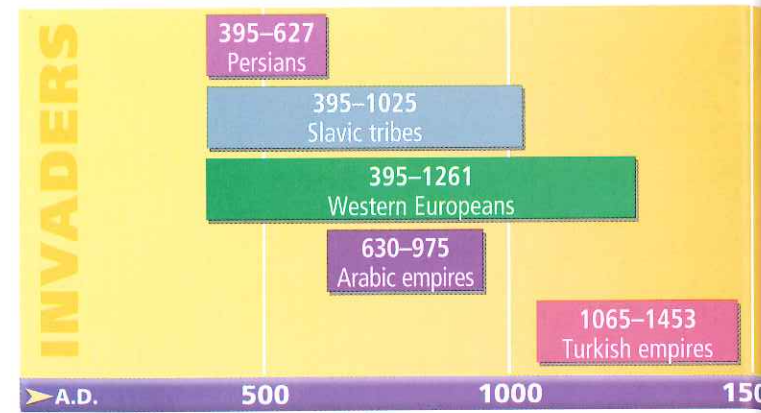


Growth and Decline of the Byzantine Empire

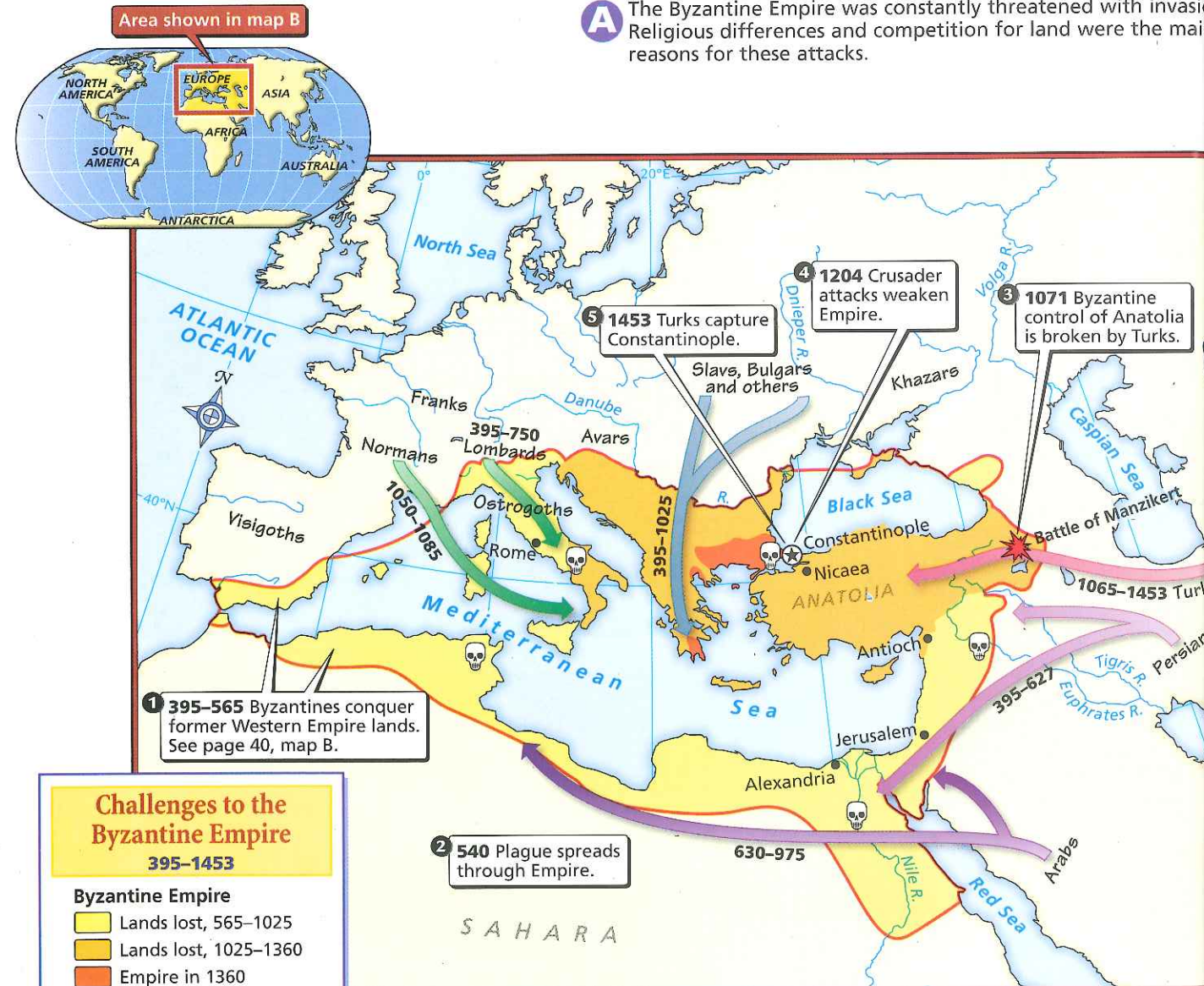
The Eastern Roman Empire became known as the **Byzantine Empire**. It outlasted the Western Empire by nearly 1000 years.

- The Byzantine Empire had many enemies. Islamic empires, led by Arabs and Turks, conquered much of Byzantine territory.
- Constantinople, the capital, was a major trade center. Wealth from trade was spent to keep the army strong.
- After 400 years of fighting, Turkish invaders conquered the Empire.






Byzantine Wars, 395–1453

- A** The Byzantine Empire was constantly threatened with invasion. Religious differences and competition for land were the main reasons for these attacks.



Challenges to the Byzantine Empire

Byzantine Empire

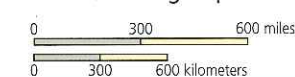
-  Lands lost, 565–1025
-  Lands lost, 1025–1360
-  Empire in 1360

— Byzantine Empire, 565

← Invasion

☠ Plague outbreak, 540

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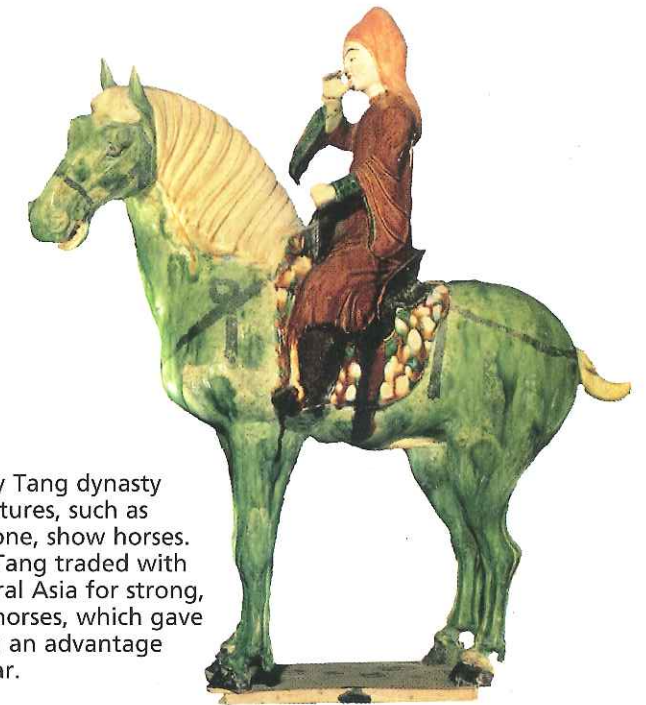


- B** At its greatest extent, the Byzantine Empire ruled much of the territory of the former Roman Empire. Deadly disease and military challenges made it difficult to hold on to land gains.

Tang and Sung Dynasties of China

During the Tang and Sung dynasties, trade as well as conflict between China and neighboring cultures increased.

- Under the control of the Tang dynasty, trade along the Silk Road flourished.
- Like the Byzantine emperors, Tang and Sung rulers defended their realm against many invasions by neighbors.
- By the end of the Sung dynasty, the Mongols had conquered all of China.



- C** Many Tang dynasty sculptures, such as this one, show horses. The Tang traded with Central Asia for strong, fast horses, which gave them an advantage in war.



Tang and Sung China
618-1279

-  Tang lands lost, 660–960
-  Sung lands lost by 1127
-  Sung Empire, 1127–1279
-  Chinese migration
-  Invasion
-  Silk Road
-  Tang capital
-  Sung capital
-  TIBET
-  China's boundary today

- D** Although China's boundaries shrank during the Tang and Sung dynasties, farming advances helped its population grow.